

## EXPEDITING THE PLAN REVIEW AND INSPECTION PROCESS

## TEN TIPS FOR OWNERS AND DEVELOPERS

- 1. Hire the best design team and contractor you can find, preferably local.
- 2. Get started early. Planning Department approval and civil plans might require extra time.
- 3. Come in for a Pre-Review. It's free, by appointment.
- 4. Submit good, complete plans drawn to current Codes.
- 5. Insist that you receive copies of all corrections, required revisions, etc. Stay on top of what's happening.
- 6. Don't let problems in plans approval "fester." If your design professional cannot resolve a problem with the plans examiner, make an appointment with the Supervisor of Plans Examination. If there is still an issue, go through the Appeals process.
- 7. Once you have permits, request a Pre-Construction meeting.
- 8. Build your project according to approved plans.
- Insist on a quality control program to make sure you are ready for inspections.
- 10. If you have problems with inspections, speak with the area Inspection Supervisor. If there is still an issue, go through the Appeals process.